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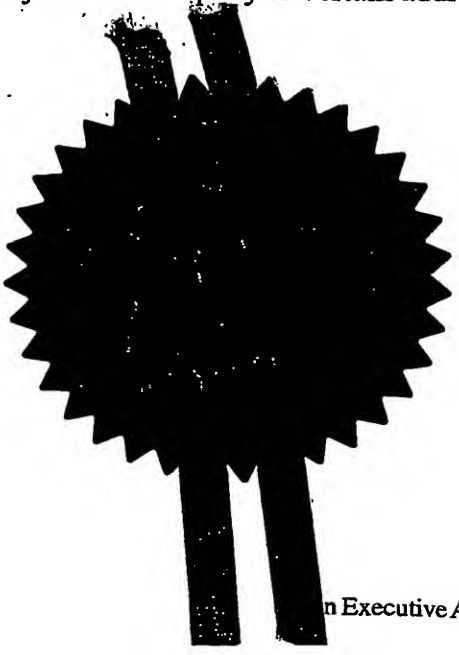
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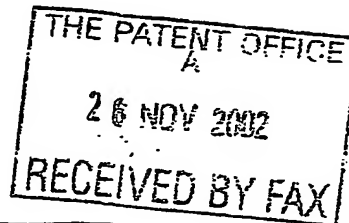
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JET INJECTOR NOZZLE

Patents PCT/GB02/02633 describes a jet injector in which a fast droplet cuts a track through the skin and the dose is delivered manually via a piston and cylinder down this track. For this to happen, it is necessary for the entrance of the track to be held open.

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According to the present invention there is a concave surface surrounding a jet injector nozzle such that pressure of the concave surface against the skin places the skin beneath the nozzle under tension, so that the entrance to a track cut through the skin by a jet from the nozzle is held open. The concave surface may be such that the skin distending into it does not fill the full volume. The surface immediately surrounding the jet nozzle may be convex in relation to the concave surface, so that the nozzle preferentially seals against the skin.

The jet in injector described in PCT/GB02/02633 relies on the entrance to the track through the skin being held in register with the nozzle and being held open. In addition, a high pressure hydraulic seal around the nozzle must be maintained to prevent wet shots.

Figure 1, 2 and 3 show sections through the axis, 30, of a cylindrical symmetry which lies through the jet nozzle, 31. In figure 1, the jet injector nozzle assembly, 1, is pressed against the skin of the patient, 2, and a concave surface, 3, causes the skin to distend into the concavity. This distension creates tension in the skin surface, 4, which causes the entrance, 5, to the track, 19, cut through the skin by the jet, to remain open. The periphery of the concave surface, 6, provides a high pressure hydraulic seal. However, such an arrangement leaves an air bubble, 7, between the

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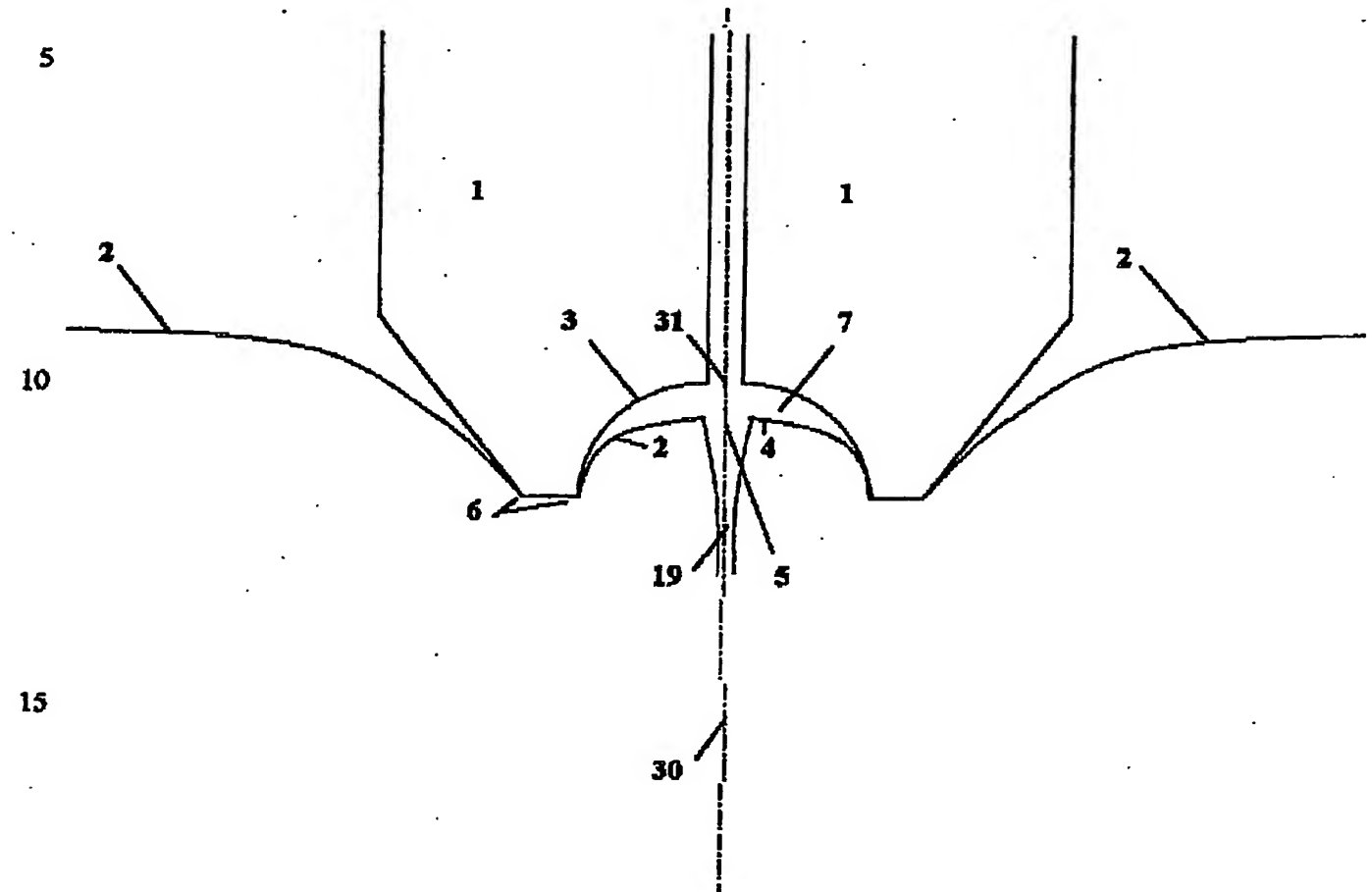
nozzle and the skin. While the volume will be small, injection may still entrain the air and deposit it subcutaneously which is undesirable.

This problem is resolved in figure 2, in which the distended skin seals against the
5 nozzle, 10, so isolating the trapped air in the periphery of the concavity, 11.

The situation is taken a step further in figure 3, in which the nozzle is convex with respect to the concave surface, 12, so positively locating against the skin and maintaining the nozzle - track alignment.

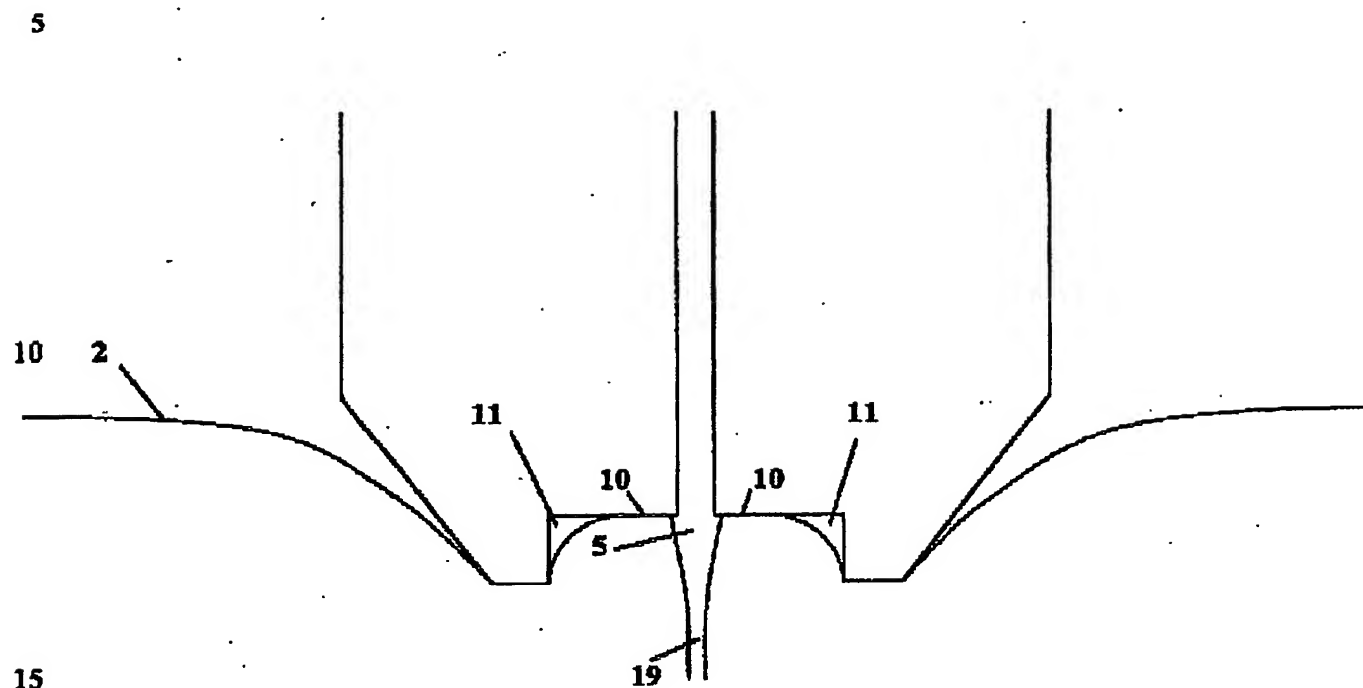
JET INJECTOR NOZZLE**Abstract**

A jet injector is described in PCT/GB02/02633 in which a single fast droplet cuts a
5 track through the skin and the dose is delivered manually via a piston and cylinder. In
this patent, a concave surface surrounding the jet nozzle is described which holds the
track entrance open by creating tension in the skin surface.

JET INJECTOR NOZZLE**Figure 1**

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Figure 2

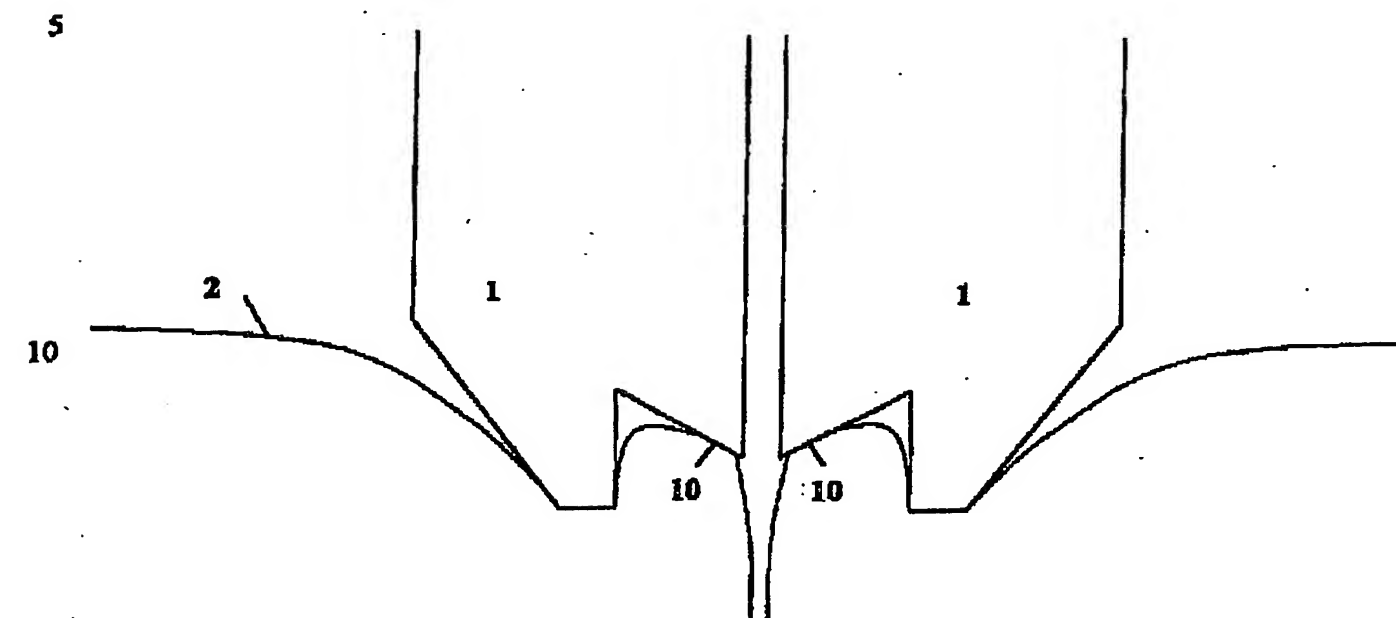


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